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Having enjoyed considerable success, which included a world's second performance, flying over the high jump, Bill Stewart, Torrance high school field ace and Southern California Athlete-of-July 1941, is going to try flying for Uncle Sam.

He enlisted in the Regular Army Air Corps Christmas Eve and left last Friday for training at Wichita Falls, Texas. His goal is to be rated as a flying sergeant in the Army. Bill, son of Mrs. G. H. Stewart, lived with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Steadman at 1020 Portola ave., while he attended high school here.

He won the National A.A.U. Junior high jump championship at Philadelphia June 23, 1941, establishing a new meet record of 6 feet 8 1/2 inches. On the following day he defeated the world's high jump record holder, Les Steers of Oregon, annexing the national senior title at a new meet record height of 6 ft. 9 1/2 inches. Steers actually tied Stewart at that mark — but Stewart cleared the bar with fewer misses.

The Torrance leaper was the proud possessor of the world record himself for an hour or so in April. At Provo, Utah he established a new world mark of 6 ft. 10 1/2 in., only to learn a short time later that Steers in Seattle on the same afternoon had bettered his mark, jumping 6 ft. 10 25/32 inches.

Stewart was born in Wilmington, North Carolina. He is 21 years old. In 1939 he won the L. A. City School and California State meet high jump championships, setting a record of 6 ft. 4 1/2 in., in the city competition. He then represented Torrance in the National A.A.U. meet at Lincoln, Neb., and took second in both the senior and junior competitions there. He did not compete in the N.A.A.U. meet in 1940 and entered U.S.C. After a year at that institution he left to earn money to return. He worked for a Long Beach concern and competed under the colors of the Southern California A. C. last track season. Now he has responded to the national colors and his many friends here are hoping he makes his new goal.

BILL DILLON IN NAVY TRAINING

One of Torrance's high school's outstanding track stars, Bill Dillon, has enlisted in the Navy under the classification which allows him to complete his university career at Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. He is enrolled with the R. O. T. C. at that institution and when he graduates next year he will go on active duty with the rating of ensign.

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Another Narbonne grad of great popularity in Torrance, Paul Meecham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meecham of 1006 Sartori ave., Torrance, has enlisted in the Army under the same classification as Stewart. He will complete his training course in Texas. Meecham graduated from Narbonne with the Winter class of 1939. He was student body president, his class president and was a football and track star for the Gauchos.

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While making his date for Coronado in the C. N. P. A. Los Angeles offices, Taylor received a cablegram from his managing editor; the Manila Herald, afternoon daily, had been bombed out; The Manila Bulletin, Carson Taylor's morning daily, welcomed its competitor into its unharmful plant where both now are being issued regularly under merciless bombing from Japanese aircraft.

Jimmy Young, cousin of William S. Kellogg, former publisher of the Glendale News-Press and president of C.N.P.A. two years ago, covered the Far East for 13 years. He will relate California's newspapermen and women with inside stories of Japan.

Carson Taylor will illustrate his address with four recent intimate motion picture films in technician depicting Manila and the Philippines, the Netherlands East Indies, the Burma Road, and Java where American made tanks and motor torpedo boats built to American design will be seen in action.

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Davis is known for his ability to see, to understand, and to describe people. He likes people — and they like him. It is very little time after meeting that they are telling him stories of their land and their fellow citizens, or, in some cases, non-citizens. Many of the experiences are amazing. What, location, what spot on earth could offer better opportunities for interesting tales than Hawaii? Known as the paradise of the Pacific, the playground of the wealthy, the home of Polynesians, the land of beauty and charm, Hawaii lives, and hobbly, up to her reputation. In this fascinating book the authors talk of not only this land, but the people that make it, in part, what it is. We have the natives, the descendants of pioneers, the "high-ups" of the native population, the young and the old.

If I tried in any way to give you some samples of the stories this book contains, I would find it extremely difficult to choose the ones to draw to your attention. Every tale is intriguing; every person Davis and Armitage introduce to you is charming in his own way; the style of presentation is easy, informal, and relaxing; the illustrations taken from photographs are beautiful; the binding is one all book lovers would love to have on their library shelves; the print is easy-on-the-eyes. In other words, it is a good book.

May I suggest you read "Hawaii, U. S. A." as a counter-balance to the daily papers? My opinion is that you will regret no time spent with your attention centered on not only the curious and excellent world, but the fascinating story of it; "Hawaii, U. S. A."

"MRS. DORATT" By John Erskine

John Erskine is known for his curious excellent works that he has given us in the past. Now he writes the completely different modern novel of "Mrs. Doratt." The story is written in the first person as if Erskine is telling it, often using his own name. His technique is such that the reader is listening to the author tell this extremely interesting tale.

Erskine met Mrs. Doratt while on a lecture tour. Her personal ally attracted him and when on a second trip to her town she asked him to be her guest; he accepted. The story of this odd woman's life then began to unfold for him. It was the rather gossipy woman friends that first revealed a few hints of her past. And then, for some untold reason, Mrs. Doratt told him her story herself. Immediately the listener scented a slight incoherency in the tale, and consequently his interest was even more aroused.

Then, as the author soared through the sky on a great alder, he became acquainted with a fellow passenger who unwittingly told more of the story of Maggie Doratt. It was obvious that there were two men in this woman's life, George Doratt and Tom Bright. Imagine Erskine's delight when he accidentally met a gent who introduced himself as Tom Bright! As can be guessed, Bright added a great deal to the information already on hand. In addition, he introduced Erskine to the mysterious figure of George Doratt, who was himself not so mysterious as were the rumors surrounding his life. Why did Maggie make up such a fabulous story concerning the fellow? And why were the two men in the world who loved her most living together and many miles from her?

This entire story is entrancing. The style is something new and something exceptionally pleasing. Everyone should meet "Mrs. Doratt" and follow the fascinating story of her as it unfolds in this novel.

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Charles Morgan gives us another of his superb novels. This time it is "The Empty Room." Don't miss it.

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